

REMARKS

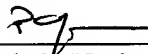
In the Office Action, claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b). The remaining claims were indicated as allowable.

By the present Response, claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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